A HORSE SHOW SCANDAL.

REMARKABLE REVELATION RE-GARDING A PRIZE TO A TROTTER.

A Correspondence That Shows the Mare Ruritania to Have Received Blue Ribbon in Conflict With Rules of the Show Declared Unsound by Veterinarians.

At the recent Horse Show the first prize for single roadsters in Class 15 of the trottong classes was awarded to the Stotesbury mare Ruritania, a frequent prize winner; the second prize going to the Hoffman mare Vida Wilkes. The third prise went to Wilkie Patchen and the highly commended to Kitty Clan. The rail birds noticed at the time that Ruritania, who entered the ring with Webb in the driver's seat, retired and came back stripped and was jogged up and down to halter. Later she reappeared and gained the prise. Back of this unharnessing and reharnessing there was a story of an unusual character in horse show annals, which will be revealed by a perusal of the letters printed below.

It seems that Ruritania was lame, or so appeared to all, or the majority, of the veterinary surgeons appointed by the show. Mr. Hoffman, the owner of the contending entry, thinking that the burden of protecting the entering owners under the rules was upon the officials of the show, made no move in the matter until the decision was over, when the following correspondence

To the Board of Directors of the National Horse Show Association, 16 East Twenty-third

street, New York city: GENTLEMEN: In justice to myself and also to the general public, I desire to call the attention of your board of directors to the awarding of the first prize in Case 15 for single roadsters and the best-appointed road rig, and would respectfully ask for an explanation for such award.

The facts are as follows: The mare "Ruritania," driven by Mr. Webb in this class No. 13, was unanimously de-clared unsound by all three of the association's veterinary surgeons, and was given the gate on account of being unsound. After the mare was given the gate, the driver of the mare, Mr. Webb, obtained immediate permission from the Ring Committee of that day, to reenter the ring with the mare, after unhooking her from the vehicle, and allowed greem to jog the animal in the ring up and down in front of the veterinary surgeons in order to try and prove that the mare was not unsound. After jogging the mare up and down several times, one of the veterinary surgeons declared the mare to be sound. the other two still holding to their opinion that the mare was unsound. The Ring Committee then allowed the mare to be rehooked to the vehicle, and to reenter the competition, and she was immediately awarded the first prize, and my mare "Vida Wilkes" was awarded the second prize. I write this letter simply to ask your board of directors whether it is right or just, after a horse has been declared unsound by the veterinary surgeons, and given the gate on account of such unsoundness, to be allowed within the space of three minutes to reenter the same competition?

It has been the rule heretofore that a horse

declared unsound shall cease to compete.
When there was such a very grave doubt
as to the soundness of the Ruritania mare,
should not my horse, of whose soundness there was no question, have had the benefit there was no question, have had the benefit of the doubt? Especially considering the fact (and, gentlemen, this is a matter of record), that the veterinary surgeons unanimously declared the Ruritania mare unsound when she entered the ring, and when the mare was allowed in the ring for the second time, the surgeons were obliged to unharness the animal, in order to put it to a test as to fits soundness, and then the decision was not unanimous on the part of the veterinary surgeons.

inanimous on the part of the veterinary surgeons to add that I do not write this letter In the spirit or in the light of a protest, as I have never protested any decision at any horse show, and never intend to do so, and have purposely allowed the time to elapse when I could have entered a protest in legal form. Is the above ruling to be a precedent, and hereafter when a horse is given the gate for unsoundness, are exhibitors to have the privilege of reentering the ring, and an apportunity to try and prove such unsoundness false?

apportunity to try it a favor to be present about desteen it a favor to be present at the meeting of your board when this letter is presented. Yours very sincerely, W. M. V. HOFFMAN.

Two days later Mr. Hoffman received this reply from the secretary of the show, Mr. John G. Heckscher:

Mr. John G. Heckscher:

New York, Dec. 5, 1902.

William M. V. Hoffman, Esq. 35 West Fiftyfirst street. New York:

Dear Sir: The board of directors of the
National Horse Show Association beg to
acknowledge the receipt of your favor of
the 3d of December, and are very glad that
you should have written them in the tone you
have done. They offer you the following
explanation regarding the substance matter
of your communication:

The Ring Committee assure the board of
directors that during the deliberation of the
voterinarians as to the soundness or unsoundness of the mare Ruritania" and before any final conclusion had been reached
or report made by them, the driver requested
that she be shown without harness in order
to prove his contention that the mare was
sound. It was for the purpose of unharnessing the mare that she left the ring, and
not, as you state in error, that she had been
given the gate. When unharnessed the
majority of the veterinarians decided to pass
her, and it was for that reason that the judges
subsequently awarded her the ribbon. The
directors desire to state that they think an
error was made in allowing the mare to leave
the ring; that she should have been unharnessed without so doing. It would then
have been clear to the onlooker what was the
object to be gained by unharnessing the
ingre.

The spirit in which you write your letter

The spirit in which you write your letter is appreciated by the board of directors, and they trust that you will see that the Ring Committee, acting in connection with the judges, had no course to pursue other than that outlined above. Yours truly,

JOHN G. HECKSCHER, Secretary.

Mr. Hoffman, however, understood the facts to be different from those described by Mr. Heckscher, and fortifying himself with an affidavit from the three veterinary surgeons, he wrote a second letter to Mr. Heckscher dated Dec. 29

Heckscher dated Dec. 29

New York, Dec. 29, 1902.

John G. Heckscher, Kaq., care National Horse
Show Association, 16 East Twenty-third
street, New York:

DEAR SIR:—I beg to acknowledge receipt
of your favor of Dec. 5 in answer to my communication of Dec. 5. Permit me to say it
was most gratifying to learn that the spirit
of my letter was so correctly interpreted.

of my letter was so correctly interpreted, and also most gratifying to know your board of directors recognizes the error of allowing the mare "Ruritania," under the circumstances, to leave the ring.

My communication having been so kindly received by your board and so courteously answered, I do not wish to seem over-persistent in this matter, but nevertheless feel I must ask your attention to the following statements made in your letter under date of Dec. 5, viz.;

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I respectfully beg to say that both of the above statements are in error; as I have, personally, seen and communicated with the veterinary surgeons, and have their statement to the effect that when the mare "Ruritania" entered the ring on Saturday afternoon at 2:60 clock they, Dr. Ryder, Dr. Sherwood and Dr. Sheppard, all three, not only agreed that the mare was unsound, but also made such report to the fling Committee, the driver of the imare and also two of the judges, and that it was then after the report of unsoundness had been made to the Ring Committee, the driver and two of the judges, that the driver of the mare made a request to the Ring Committee to be allowed to unharness the mare and try to show the report of unsoundness to be false. The rule states that the report of your veterinary surgeons shall be final, therefore, the Ring Committee did not have the right or power to srant the request of reexamination made by the driver of the mare. Consequently, instantaneously, with the presentation of the three reports of the mare. Consequently, instantaneously, with the presentation of the three reports of the veterinery surgeons, the mare "Ruritania enged absolutely to be a competitor. These three veterinary surgeons also swear that

when the mare "Ruritania was unharnessed, only one of them decided to pass her, and not a majority, as stated in your favor of Dec. 5.

In order to save your board any unnecessary trouble, I have procured a written statement confirming the above facts, signed by Dr. Sheppard, Dr. Sherwood and Dr. Ryder, a copy of which I inclose with this letter.

Now, gentlemen, does not the above statement of your own veterinary surgeons prove my case and contention that the prize given to the mare "Ruritania" was improperly awarded?

I wish to add that the veterinary surgeons Dr. Sherwood, Dr. Sheppard and Dr. Ryder, besides the statement made for me and to me, hold themselves in readiness to come, if you so desire it, at any time before your board and to personally affirm the truth of the above statements.

I have presented to your board of directors proof overwhelming that a wrong of a most serious character has been enacted. The rectification of this wrong lies in the hands of your honorable board, and I therefore, ask in the name of justice and honesty, for the benefit of the general public, who have not understood, and for the spotless name and reputation of our National Horse Show (of which we all are factors, and threfore, indirectly responsible) to that public and for that name—that you at once take such action in regard to this matter, as will effectually clear up this unfortunate occurrence.

I have proved my case, and all I ask is an acknowledgment that the award of first prize to the mare "Ruritanla" was an error, and that she should not have been the recipient of such prize. I beg to remain.

Yours very sincerely.

W. M. V. Hopfman.

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STATEMENT OF THE VETERINARY SURGEONS.
DEC. 13, 1902.
When the mare "Ruritania" came into the ring on Saturday afternoon. November, 1902, we noticed that she did not go sound, and we ruled her out as unsound. We notified the driver, Mr [Webb, the Ring Committee and two of the judges to this effect. After we had made the above reports, the Ring Committee decided to allow the driver of the mare to unharness her and lead the mare to haiter in the ring. Two of us held our opinion, the mare was not free from lameness, and one thought she went sound. She again became a competitor and was awarded first prize.

WILLIAM SHEPPARD,
TROMAS G. SHERWOOD,
J. E. RYDER.
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NEW YORK, Jan. 2.

W. M. V. Hoffman, Esq. 4 Warren street, New York.

DEAR Sis: The board of directors of the National Horse Show Association beg to acknowledge reseipt of your favor of Dec. 29 with enclosure. In a previous letter addressed to you the board expressed its regret that the mare "Ruritania" was allowed to leave the ring for the purpose of unharnessing. The board appreciates your consideration of this incident, and while they commend the spirit which decided you to refrain from protesting the mare "Ruritania," yet they regret in view of your present extraordinary request for an examination into this case at this late date, that you did not promptly exercise the right which the association especially provides for just such incidents and file a formal protest within the required time. This provision in the rules of the association providing for a protest is intended to cover cases analogous to this, and the board thinks that you will see that to make a detailed examination at this date into the incident related by you would be to all intents and purposes to consider a protest made two weeks subsequent to the closing of the show, and consequently against our rules, customs and usage.

Had the protest been made as demanded before the animal, the driver and the judges and the veterinarians had passed beyond its control, the board would have given personal attention and examined into the alleged condition of affairs. At this late date it would be practically impossible to recreate the conditions that then existed, and it would be practically impossible to recreate the conditions that then existed, and it would be practically impossible to recreate the conditions that then existed, and it would be practically impossible to recreate the conditions that then existed and in well association would be the establishment of a precedent most injurious to the welfare of the institution and cause injuristies to the exhibitors, and it is with regret that the board are ob

the show officials that the ribbon was given to Ruritania on the ground that the "majority of the veterinaries decided to pass her;" but Mr. Hoffman's second letter shows this to have been a mistake. Mr. Heckscher's second letter makes no mention of this reason for awarding the prize, but takes the ground that it is now too late

CANFIELD IS IN LONDON. At Claridge's, to Have His Portrait Painted

by Whistler. Richard A. Canfield is in London. This was announced yesterday by Lawyer Delahunty, who said that Mr. Canfield sailed ten days ago and that his sailing

sailed ten days ago and that his sailing would have been properly advertised if his lawyer had known that anybody was interested. Mr. Delahunty said:

"It has been Mr. Canfield's custom for a dozen years or more to go to Europe in the latter part of November or early in December, and to spend the winter months in wandering about the art galleries and through the shops of the art dealers of the Old World. He had intended to sail this year the first week in December, but owing to the visit, one evening, of some genial highwaymen to his house in Forty-fourth street, it became necessary for him to delay the date of his departure.

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"After he had seen the work of the marauders through, and had authorized me to begin such legal proceedings as he hoped would establish his right and that of every other citizen of the city of New York to the protection rather than the oppression of the officers of the law, he asked me if there was any other business left for him to attend to here. I told him there was not and, after spending a few

there was not and, after spending a few days at his home in Providence, he set out on his winter wanderings.

"Incidentally, I may say that Mr. Canfield's particular business in London was to fulfil an engagement with Whistler, to whom he had been sitting during two previous visits to London for his portrait. Mr. Whistler was rather anxious to com-plete the constructon of this bit of canvas and he intimated to Mr. Canfield that, since art is long and time is fleeting, he would better get back to London as soon as possible to complete the sittings.

LIPPERT LAYS IT TO JACOBS. And Says He Knows Jacobs Never Got Into Canfield's.

W. H. Lippert said last night that he had been dismissed by Secretary Fulton of the Citizens' Union, who said he was acting for President R. Fulton Cutting. Mr. Lippert has appealed to Abner S. Haight, chairman of the Complaint Committee of the union, and Mr. Haight has promised that the committee will give him a hearing. Lippert says Jacobs had him dismissed. Lippert's successor as press agent of the union is to be Joseph Johnson, a newspaper man, who helped to organize the Acorns for the municipal campaign of 1901. The appointment, it is hinted, will go to effect a consolidation of the Acorns with the Cits.

The detective work Lippert did will now

The detective work Lippert did will now be handled by Sleuth Jacobs, who will be chief detective of the union. Lippert said he knew very well that Jacobs had never been in Canfield's or in 33 West Thirty-third Columbia's Veteran Watchdog Dead. Nellie, the big Newfoundland watchdog who has guarded Columbia University for the last twelve years, is dead. The university corporation, through its janitor, got her out of the pound years ago and the students had since been spoiling her digestion with sugar, candies and other delicacies unsuitable for dogs.

JEROME NET IN WALL STREET

BROKER AND ROOM TRADER IN CANFIELD SECRET INQUIRY.

count-Both Had Been in His Place -Bucklin Up as Both Accused and Wit-ness-Lippert in the Enemy's Camp.

THE SUN found out yesterday who the igh-hatted witnesses were who gave testiony in secret "in the matter of Richard A. Canfield" on Saturday. One was the senior member of a firm of bankers and Exchange place and who have been Mr. Canfield's brokers for several years; another was a well-known room trader, the father-in-law of a Count in whom he takes o particular pride and the third was an officer of an uptown bank in which Mr. Canfield has an account.

The broker was served with a duces tecum subpoena, under which he was com-manded to produce before Justice Wyatt all books and papers which would show what business his firm had transacted for Canfield. He consulted Mr. Canfield's attorneys and asked what he should do. He was told to obey the subpoena to the letter and did so.

When he took the stand, two letters which he had brought with him were shown to him and he was asked to explain them. He said they were orders from Canfield to buy or sell stocks.

HAD SEEN A ROULETTE WHERL IN CANFIELD'S. He was then asked if he'd ever been in Canfield's and he replied that he'd been there many times.

"Ever see any gambling there?" "I never did."

*Ever see any gambling paraphernalia there?"

The bank official testified that Canfield had an account in his bank. He was questioned about the process of collection of a certain check for \$250 drawn to the order of bearer or cash by a citizen of the State of New Jersey. The bank officer could not enlighten the District Attorney and he BUCKLIN IN A DOUBLE ROLE

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The secret inquiry was continued yesterday morning and afternoon for brief intervals. David W. Bucklin was summoned and asked if Canfield had, among other bank accounts, one in the Bank of the Metropolis. Bucklin said yes, and he was asked who drew thechecks against the account and who signed them.

"I draw most of them," was the answer, "and sign all of them as attorney for Mr. Canfield."

"Any servants employed at 5 East Forty-

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"Any servants employed at 5 East Fortyfourth street?"

"There are."

"Are they paid by check or in cash?"

"In cash."

When Bucklin came out he said:

"I don't know much about law, but it seems to me that I'm gettin' a sort of a rough deal. I come here to be examined on the charge of committin' a crime. There ain't anything doin' on that to-day, so the District Attorney snaps me up to testify against the man by whom as charged I'm employed to commit crimes. And the Judge who hears one case hears the other. Seems to me it's playin' both ends against the middle. They don't do things that way down East where I came from.

LIPPERT IN THE ENEMY'S CAMP.

LIPPERT IN THE ENEMY'S CAMP. In the afternoon the open examination of Samuel Hitchings, alias Samuel Smith charged with being an "agent" of the alleged gambling house at 33 West Thirty-third street came up before Justice Wyatt, Buck-from the job of assistant secretary of the Citizens' Union; Raiph Harman, a salesman for Acker, Merrill & Condit, and John M. Roddy, a decorator of interiors.

Lippert was the first witness for the defence. He testified that he'd been relieved of his job with the Citizens' Union at 7 o'clock on Monday night. He told of his employment on newspapers here and in Philadelphia and said that before he did newspaper work he had practised medicine in Philadelphia. Jacobs had sworn that Lippert had given him the money to gamble in Burbridge's and in Canfield's and also paid his salary. Lippert swore yesterday that he never gave Jacobs money for anything.

By Mr. Black—Were you subpossed to testify here yesterday in some proceedings against one Lou Ludium? The Assistant District Attorney—I object, as immaterial.

Mr. Black—I want to show up, if the Court
pleases, the District Attorney's method of
intimidating witnesses, which is not only
unprofessional, but falls little short of being
disgraceful
The District Attorney—We withdraw the
objection.

objection.

Lippert went on to tell that he was brought to the District Attorney's office on Monday after having been served with a subpona to testify in some proceedings against Lou Ludlum. When he got there Jerome said he wanted to talk to him and then told him, in substance, that if he knew anything about Jacobs that was crooked he should have told the District Attorney. should have told the District Attorney.

By Mr. Jerome—Lippert, didn't I tell you that if Jacobs had done anything wrong even though it was against a gambler, I'd prosecute him and I wanted to know about it? A That was about what you said.

Q. Did you tell a man named Oppenheim that when you began with the Cittzens' Union you were green: that you knew more now, and that had you known as much in the beginning as you do now you'd have made a fair deal with Jacobs and given him his share?

A. I—I—well, not that exactly. I think I teld Oppenheim I wanted to settle with Jacobs.

Q. Did you give Jacobs \$50 a few days ago?

A. I did.

Q. What for? A. There was \$10 for dis-

A I did
Q. What for? A. There was \$10 for disguises and \$20 which he charged for overtime
work, and \$50 which I can't explain without
seeing the Crizens' Union book. They'll
explain the whole thing.
B. Gov. Black—Well, what became of the
Ludlum proceedings? A. When the District
Attorney got through talking to me he said
there wouldn't be any more Ludlum proceedings just then.
Hitchings, Harman and Roddy testified Hitchings, Harman and Roddy testified that Jacobs was not in the room where he said he'd gambled at 33 West Thirty-third street on the night of Nov. 28.

The defence rested and Justice Wyatt gave both sides until next Tuesday to submit briefs.

WANTS R. VANDERBILT.

Reported Change of Attitude at the Distriet Attorney's.

One of the persons conducting the Canfield secret inquiry said yesterday that the inquiry would be continued to-day and that the District Attorney wants Reginald Vanderbilt to testify and has a subporna

out for him.
"He's in Rhode Island, I guess, where we can't reach him," said this person. In the middle of December it was said that Mr. Vanderbilt was not to be subpensed, Mr. Vanderbilt was not to be subpœnaed, nut that his lawyer had been to the District Attorney's office, and that that office knew the names of all the members of the famous "birthday" gambling party, which was not at Canfield's. On the night in question, young Vanderbilt was accompanied by a lot of Yale undergraduates, among them the Yale pitcher, John Garvan. Garvan, who is a brother of Assistant District Attorney Garvan, lives in New Haven and has shunned New York ever since he heard that a subpæna had been issued for him also.

rubators with plano finish are a novelty -but the Cornell Incubator Co. show some unapproachable specimens at Madison Square Garden poultry show this week.—Adv.

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Blue Cheviots

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SEIZE SMUGGLED SCHNAPPS.

POLICE AND CUSTOMS MEN IN-VADE WATERFRONT SALOONS.

Stuff Carted to the Custom House -There's a Skipper Afoat Somewhere Who Says That It Was Stolen.

Policemen and customs inspectors carrying fat bottles of gin arrived at the eral kinds of vehicles. They had been making raids and had collected some 200 bottles. Solicitor Hamilton gave the following explanation: 'Under the direction of the Law Divis-

ion of the Custom House, twenty United States Customs Inspectors, accompanied by ten police officers of the Old Slip and Church street statiens, made simultaneous visits to ten saloons in South, Front, West and Washington streets and seized all bottled gins found bearing the "Key" brand, the allegation being that it had been smuggled. This action is the result of an investigation which has been going on for some time, and which has demonstrated that certain foreign goods imported here for warehouse and exportation are not exported, but are sold in large or small quantities along the waterfronts. The investigation has been so sweeping as to invest the Collector with a fund of knowledge which it is anticipated will result in further seizures in this and other lines. It is the settled purpose of the Collector to stamp out this system of fraud upon the revenue and to punish those engaged in the same. The gin was originally on board a small sailing craft bound for the West Indies.

sailing craft bound for the West Indies. It was learned that seventy-eight cases of it had left the vessel. The owner of the craft complained that it had been stolen. At the request of Collector Stranahan the owner paid \$885 duty on the missing seventy-eight cases and put up \$1,500 as a guarantee that his ship would return to this port so that it might play its part in subsequent proceedings. The vessel is now in the West Indies somewhere \$\overline{\text{3}}\$ The gin is "Schiedam schnapps" and comes from Rotterdam, where it has been made for hundreds of years; in fact, it is said to be the same brand that had so much to do with Rip Van Winkle's extended nap. Certainly there was a singularly soothing atmosphere throughout the old Custom House yesterday after its introduction there. Heads of divisions found it necessary to open windows before the dozing clerks would apply themselves, and Solicitor Hamilton finally sent out a hurry call for conveyances to remove the fat, black bottles to the seizure room in the Public Stores.

CITY HAS \$15,000,000 AT STAKE In Franchise Tax Case New Half Way to the Court of Appeals.

The books of the Tax Department show that should the Franchise Tax law, now before the Appellate Division in the Third Department be finally declared by the Court of Appeals to be unconstitutional. the city will lose nearly \$15,000,000 in back taxes and a future revenue of over \$5,000,000 yearly. These valuations have been put of the franchises in the five boroughs for the three years since the measure was passed:

Several companies owning small fran-chises have paid their taxes, amounting in 1901 to \$125,000 and in 1902 to nearly \$200,000. The valuations put on some of the larger franchises are: Granchises are:
Consolidated Gas Company.
Broadway and Seventh Ave. R. R.
Eighth Avenue R. R.
Eighth Avenue R. R.
Eighth Avenue R. R.
Metropolitan Street R. R.
New Amsterdam Gas Company
New York and Hariem R. R.
New York Central and Hudson Riv. I
Third Avenue R. R.
Standard Gas Company.

The Appellate Division's decision is

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QUESTION BIGGAR VERDICT

DETECTIVE MAY HAVE INFLU-ENCED THE JURY.

New Trial Asked on the Ground That Strong, Who Gnarded Jury, Told One That They Would Not Be Discharged I nies They Agreed Sentence Delayed.

FREEHOLD, N. J., Jan. 6 .- Another sensational incident was added to the Biggar-Sennett conspiracy case in court here to-day. When Hendricks and Stanton were called before Judge Heistry for sentence Aaron E. Johnston, one of counsel for the defence, said that he desired to move to set aside the verdict on the grounds that the jury had been intrefered with by County Detective Strong, who guarded the door of the jury room. He read an affi-davit of Andrew J. C. Stokes, an attorney of this place, in which the lawyer said that he was in the corridor leading to the jury room and heard Strong say to a juryman that the jury would not be discharged until it had agreed upon a verdict. Lawyer Johnston argued that the de-

tective practically coerced the jury into the rights of Hendricks and Stanton were prejudiced. Lawyers Noonan and McDer-

prejudiced. Lawyers Noonan and McDermott argued along the same lines and characterized the verdict as illogical, corrupt and illegal.

Prosecutor Foster in reply said: "If anything wrong has been done it should be investigated. I do not believe that Detective Strong was guilty of misconduct, but in order that no mistake be made I ask the Court to grant a rule to show cause why this verdict should not be set aside." Judge Heistry than granted the motion of the prosecutor and signed an order returnable next Thursday.

Misc Biggar was not in court to-day. She is filling an engagement with a vaudeville troupe in the New England States. Mrs. Hendricks is in Hoboken. If Judge Heistry should not set the verdict aside an appeal will be filed in the Supreme Court.

It was announced to-day that the executors of the Bennett estate will begin proceedings to determine whether Miss Biggar is simply a legatee or the widow of the dead millionaire. It is understood, however, that she will release any claim she may have as the widow of Bennett and thus forestall the efforts of the executors to cut her off.

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The Shoreham Hotel in Washington, which has been closed for six months while being altered and refurnished, has been reopened. Every room in the house has been refitted and the lower floors re-constructed, new dining-rooms, caf-s, par-lors, office, lobbies and additional elevators having been put in and a complete house telephone service installed. The altera-tions and improvements, which have cost \$350,000 were under the personal super-vision of John T. Devine, the proprietor.

SHOREHAM HOTEL REOPENED.

at Saratoga, will have charge of the kitchen, and E. Witte, who was head waiter at Sherry's, will have charge of the restaurant.

Beth Israel to Friends Left Outside. The directors of the Beth Israel Hospital apologize to the friends of the institution who who were unable to gain admittance to the annual reception in Madison Square Garden on Saturday night. The attendance, the directors say, was beyond all the ex-pectations of the committee and the police inspector and the deputy chief of the Fire Department found it imperative to close the doors for the safety of those within as well August Coder former chef of the clubhouse | as for those without.



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